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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Robert Scott Laughlin ✓  
Serial No.: 08/773,981 ✓  
Filing Date: December 26, 1996  
For: CABLE SUPPORT AND METHOD ✓  
Examiner: Ramon O. Ramirez  
Art Unit: 3505

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 1997**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 1997, applicant hereby amends as follows.

Please cancel claims 3, 5, 8-11, 27, 28, 30, 31 and 33 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A low voltage communications cable support for supporting a plurality of horizontal runs of such cables with minimal cable sag on each side of the support comprising a semi-circular communications cable receiving saddle having a wide relatively flat center cylindrical surface section, and stiffening flanges at each outer edge of said flat surface section, said stiffening flanges projecting radially outwardly and downwardly around said semi-circular saddle at an obtuse angle to interior of said flat center cylindrical surface section to avoid sharp corners around said cable receiving saddle, and attachment means to secure said support [saddle] to a structure.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

— Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

— A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

X The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total	45	Minus	33	= 12	\$11	\$		\$22	\$264.00
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	Late Filing of Declaration				\$65	\$		\$130	\$
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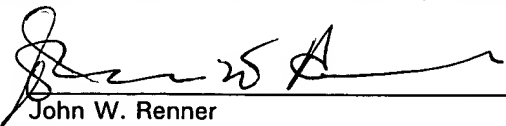
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Dated: December 8, 1997

  
John W. Renner